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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(d)

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the patent listed on the enclosed citation Form PTO-1449. A copy of the cited patent is enclosed.

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REMARKS

U.S. Patent No. 5,926,669 has been identified in a computer database (see enclosed printout) as being in the family of Japanese Patent Document No. 10-48968, which is of record.

CONCLUSION

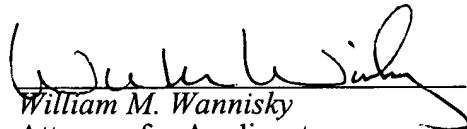
It is respectfully requested that the cited patent be considered by the Examiner and that an annotated copy of the enclosed citation Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such patent document has been considered.

It is earnestly believed that all requirements for consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement have been satisfied.

Favorable consideration hereof is earnestly solicited.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our New York office at the address given below.

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